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Subject: RE: Update on Swan Valley

Thanks for the update, Rudy.

From: Brown, Rudy [mailto:Brown.Rudy@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 3:57 PM
To: Berry, Tom (Leahy); Pero, Haley (Sanders); George Twigg (george.twigg@mail.house.gov)
Subject: FW: Update on Swan Valley

Tom, Haley, George,

This is to update you on the Swan Valley Cheese of Vermont matter. If you recall in mid-August, EPA issued a Notice of Violation and Administrative Order to the company due to its problematic ammonia refrigeration system. The company has decided to remove the ammonia from the existing refrigeration system, even before it has a replacement system.

We expect the ammonia to be removed from the system in one day and the ammonia should be removed tomorrow. The initial preparation for the ammonia removal has started today. Due to safety concerns and on its own initiative, the company has decided that its employees should not be present when the ammonia is removed. The company also anticipates that seventeen employees will not return to work until a new non-ammonia refrigeration system is brought on line. The duration of getting the new refrigeration system on-line is a function of obtaining financing and finding and renting or purchasing the appropriate replacement refrigeration equipment. The company estimates that the shutdown could range from 1-18 weeks. The company has informed the Governor's office of the anticipated shutdown.